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OF THE

Managers

OF THE

APPRENTICES' LIBRARY COMPANY

OF

PHILADELPHIA.

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Apprentices' Library Company of Philadelphia.
Incorporated A. D. 1820.

PHILADELPHIA:
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1858.

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OF THE

APPRENTICES' LIBRARY COMPANY,

For one year from Third month (March) 9th, 1858.

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TO THE
APPRENTICES' LIBRARY COMPANY
OF PHILADELPHIA.

SOON after the present Board was elected, a communication was received from the extensive publishing house of J. B. Lippincott & Co., of this city, inclosing an extract from a confidential letter addressed to the head of the firm, and which was in these words:—"When a boy, and not able to obtain books in any other way, I received much pleasure and instruction from those which were then loaned to me by the Apprentices' Library of Philadelphia. Success in life has not made me unmindful of early benefits, and I desire, in part, to pay back the debt I owe to the above Institution; I wish you, therefore, to furnish to the Trustees of the Apprentices' Library, books to the value of one thousand dollars, selected from the newest and best standard literature of the day."

This substantial tribute to the merits of our Institution, was promptly responded to by the Board in a series of resolutions, which, with the extract from the letter of our benefactor, have been printed and attached to each volume of the donation.

The Book Committee had been engaged at intervals in the agreeable occupation of making selections on account of this gift, when the Managers were gratified by the reception of more than two hundred volumes from the same liberal contributor, as a special donation to the Girls' Library. This increased the contribution to one thousand and eighty-five dollars, and the number of volumes to ten hundred and thirty-nine. All, except the two hundred and seven books last received, were arranged in one collection, and are accessible to

both classes of our readers. Care has been taken for their preservation from dust, and an extra insurance has been effected for the purpose of protecting this cherished portion of our Library.

It has been a matter of honor with the Board, not to attempt to lift the veil by which the donor has so delicately concealed himself, but this act of magnanimity affords another evidence, that generous natures find in the acquisition of wealth the means of accomplishing noble aspirations. It is the covetous only who cling more closely to their possessions as they increase in magnitude; for the cravings of avarice can never be appeased.

The legacy of Elizabeth Greenfield, after a tardy legal process, has been but partially realized. An investment of five thousand dollars, principal and interest, has been made in City Loan, and a small dividend is expected on the final settlement of the estate. This bequest was intended to aid the Library Company in the erection of a building suited to its wants, and can be used for no other purpose, but it would be unwise to attempt such an enterprise until a sufficient amount is secured to pay the estimated cost, and to provide for every contingency. It is a *principle* with the Apprentices' Library Company to avoid the burden of a debt, unless it be the debt of gratitude, which we owe in an especial degree to those who hold in trust the venerable edifice which was founded by their fathers, a portion of which they have permitted us to occupy and enjoy. Through their liberality, we have been enabled to expend for books, an amount that would otherwise have been appropriated for rent, and two thousand volumes, at least, have thus been added to our collection.

This kindly feeling on the part of the Trustees and their associates, encourages the hope, that the room on the first floor may be placed at our disposal on terms that will be mutually satisfactory. The two Libraries approach each other so closely, that a separation has become indispensable to the judicious arrangement of our books. Should this desirable object be accomplished, we earnestly recommend to our

successors, to open the Girls' Library every afternoon, and the Boys' every evening, whenever the state of the treasury will admit of the increased expenditure; additional facilities will multiply the number of readers, and thus extend the benefit of the Libraries.

Constant vigilance will be necessary on the part of the Managers, to maintain the requisite number of contributors. Various causes annually remove the names of many from the list, but there are others who will cheerfully take their places, and wait only to be invited.

The success of the Institution during the past year, is prolific of hope for the future; and we surrender our trust, in the confidence that the Apprentices' Library will live on in the affections of our citizens, increasing in usefulness the more it is known and appreciated. It will become associated in the memories of its readers with those happy hours when they resorted thither to receive their portion of an inheritance more precious than gold, and which has been transmitted by gifted minds to the whole family of civilized man, unlimited by the law of entailment.

By order of the Board,

JAMES J. BARCLAY, *Chairman, P. T.*

PHILIP C. GARRETT, *Secretary.*

Books loaned from Boys' Library, from Third			
mo. 1st, 1857, to Third mo. 1st, 1858,	.	18,851	
" " Girls' Library,	.	16,175	
		<u> </u>	35,026
Applicants admitted to Boys' Library,			
" " Girls' "	.	752	
		436	
		<u> </u>	1188
Now using the Boys' Library,			
" " Girls' "	.	925	
		664	
		<u> </u>	1589
Books added to the Boys' Library			
	by donation,	849	
	by purchase,	107	
		<u> </u>	956
" " Girls' Library			
	by donation,	207	
	by purchase,	186	
		<u> </u>	393
		<u> </u>	1349
Total Volumes in Boys' Library,			
" " Girls' "	.	10,209	
		4,349	
		<u> </u>	14,558

Thirty-one Members elected since last Report.

Terms of Membership, Two Dollars per annum, or Twenty-five Dollars for life.

FORM OF A REQUEST.

I give, devise, and bequeath to the Apprentices' Library Company of Philadelphia.

LIBRARY OPEN FOR THE DELIVERY OF BOOKS,

FOR BOYS—Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday evenings.

FOR GIRLS—Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday afternoons.

ABSTRACTS.

DR.	The Apprentices' Library Company of Philadelphia, in account with Samuel Mason, Treasurer.		CR.
1858.	Payments from 3rd mo. 9th, 1857 to 3rd mo. 9th, 1858.	Receipts.	
	Paid for repairs of property and incidental expenses,	3d mo. 9. Balance of Cash per report of Committee,	\$39 39
	“ purchase of books,	1858. Received for Fines, and Catalogues sold,	190 94
	“ Binding and repairing Books,	“ “ Annual Subscriptions and Donations,	507 30
	“ Gas light,	“ “ donation from Society of Friends, com- monly called Free Quakers, for purchase of books,	250 00
	“ Insurance on books and furniture,	“ for Dividends and Interest,	980 00
	“ Salaries and Services,		
	“ Printing,		
	“ Stock Mine Hill and Schuylkill Haven Rail Road Co., five shares,		
	Balance of cash on general account,		
	Rent of Rooms five years,		
			\$1967 63

DR.	The Building Fund of the Apprentices' Library Co., Philada., in account with Samuel Mason, Treasurer.		CR.
1857.	8th mo. 20. To Cash paid Haston & Collins' bill for \$2500 City 6 per cent. Stock, bought by them at \$95½ without charge for com- mission,	1857. 3rd mo. 9. By Balance of Cash, per report of committee, \$241 44 7th mo. 25. By Cash from estate of Elizabeth Green- field, less fee charged by E. Hopper, attorney,	\$2180 73, 100 00 2080 73
1858.	2d me. 11. To Cash paid for two shares of Stock of The Mine Hill and Sch. Haven Rail Road Co., bought at \$60 75,	“ 10. By Interest on \$2500 City 6 per cent. Stock, less taxes,	71 25
3rd mo. 4.	To Balance on hand,	1858. 1st mo. 12. By Interest on \$5000 do. one half net subject to tax,	146 25
			\$2539 67

The Committee appointed by the Board of Managers to examine and settle the account of Samuel Mason, Treasurer of the Apprentices' Library Company, have attended to that duty and found the account correct; there being a balance in his hands due the company, on general account, of thirty-four dollars and seven cents, and on account of the Building Fund, derived from the estate of Elizabeth Greenfield, of thirty dollars and sixty-seven cents.

Philada., Third month 9, 1858.

SAMUEL F. TROTH,
JOSHUA W. ASH, } Committee.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Book Committee, for the purchase of Books and general superintendence of the Library.

Elected by ballot.

BENJAMIN M. HOLLINSHEAD,	TRISTRAM BOWDLE,
SAMUEL F. TROTH,	EDWARD H. BONSALE.
JOSHUA W. ASH, M. D.,	

Appointed by the Chairman.

Legacies and Trusts.

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CHARLES RHOADS.

Accounts.

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ISAAC STARR, JR.

Room Committee.

JOSEPH HUTCHINSON,
SAMUEL M. BINES,
JONATHAN B. MITCHELL.

EXPLANATORY NOTE.—The four officers of the Company are, ex-officio, members of the Board of Managers, making an entire Board of twenty-eight members. At a Special meeting succeeding the annual election, a Chairman and Secretary and a Book Committee of five members, are elected by ballot; all other Committees are appointed by the Chairman.

The Managers are required to attend in rotation when the Libraries are open, and render such advice and assistance as may be necessary. Each Librarian has a Minute Book, and the proceedings, with the remarks of the attending Manager, are reported monthly to the Board.

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS

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APPRENTICES' LIBRARY COMPANY.

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S. Austin Allibone,
 Lewis R. Ashhurst,
 Charles Atkinson,
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 Samuel T. Altemus,
 Joshua W. Ash, M. D.,
 T. S. Arthur,
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 A. J. Antelo,
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B.

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 Frederiek Brown,
 William Biddle,
 P. Brady,
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 Tristram Bowdle,
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 Wm. H. Baeon,
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 Samuel Baugh,
 Thomas E. Baxter,
 William Bargh,
 John Bancroft,
 Jacob Bennett,
 William Boning,

Aliford Bard,
 John B. Barras,
 Daniel S. Beideman,
 Joshua L. Bailey,
 W. A. Blanchard,
 Franklin Butler,
 Jeremiah Bonsall,
 Edward H. Bonsall,
 John W. Biddle,
 Girard Buckman,
 Edward C. Biddle,
 Wm. L. Bailey,
 Alexander Baird,
 Josiah Brant.

C.

Joseph Cresson,
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 Carpenters' Company,
 John Carter,
 John W. Claghorn,
 Wm. M. Collins,
 Robert Cornelius,
 John C. Cresson,
 Thomas Ellwood Chapman,
 Hulings Cowperthwait,
 Jos. H. Collins,
 James L. Claghorn,
 S. Wilmer Cannell,
 S. J. Christian,
 A. Theodore Chur.
 Edwin R. Cope,
 Francis Lea Clement,
 T. K. Collins,
 Geo. W. Childs.

T. K. Collins, Jr.,
 Geo. W. Carr,
 Anna L. Campbell,
 James E. Caldwell,
 John Carrow,
 Benjamin Coates,
 Edward Cumming,
 George Canby,
 John G. Craig,
 E. D. Collom,
 Wm. W. Clement,
 Joseph B. Cooper.

D.

Mordecai L. Dawson,
 Wm. J. Duane,
 John C. Da Costa,
 Charles Desilver,
 Henry Dallett,
 Isaac Dixon,
 Dan. Dougherty,
 Wm. A. Drown, Jr.,
 Ferdinand J. Dreer.

E.

Charles Ellis,
 John A. English,
 C. S. Esher,
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 George W. Farnum,
 Robert Frazer,
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 Rodney Fisher,
 James Fisher,
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 George Gardom,
 Jesse Godley,
 L. A. Godcy,
 Francis W. Getz,
 Philip C. Garrett,
 John B. Garrett.

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 James Hutchinson,
 Thomas Hutchinson,

John W. Hornor,
 Joseph Hutchinson,
 Charles Harkness,
 Thomas Hartley,
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 Arthur H. Howell,
 Sigmund H. Horstman,
 Edward Hopper,
 Eden Haydock,
 Alex. F. Hazard,
 C. G. Henderson,
 M. Hastings,
 George M. Hickling,
 Wilfred Hall,
 Samuel M. Hopper,
 John M. Harper,
 Jacob Harley,
 Jeremiah Hartley,
 Marshall Henszey,
 T. Esmonde Harper,
 Wm. Haeker,
 John M. Hale,
 John Huncker,
 Geo. H. Holmes,
 Clayton W. Haines,
 William R. Hart.

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 L. Johnson,
 Samuel Jeanes,
 Wm. D. Jones,
 J. Warner Johnson,
 Charles C. Jackson,
 Joshua T. Jeanes,
 David Jayne,
 Jabez Jenkins, Jr.,
 Samuel B. Johnson,
 Jos. T. Johns,
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K.

John Kilgore,
 Reeve L. Knight,
 Charles Kemble,
 John Ketchum,
 Peter L. Krider,
 Robert P. King,
 John C. Kelly.

L.

Isaac Lloyd,
 Robert Lesley,
 Charles F. Lex,
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Joshua B. Lippincott,
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Geo. H. Levis,
Peter F. Laws,
Franklin Lloyd,
William C. Lloyd.

M.

Abraham Miller,
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Wm. R. Maxfield,
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Morton M'Michael,
Charles Magarge,
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Robert V. Massey,
W. L. Maddock,
Joseph E. M'Ihenny,
Andrew Miller,
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Jona. B. Mitchell,
Ellwood Matlack,
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J. W. Miller,
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S. A. Magarge,
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Wm. Mathews,
Wm. L. McDowell,
George Martin, M. D.,
J. W. Moore,
John M'Collin.

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North American,
Sam. Newell,
Jos. A. Needles,
Sam. H. Needles,
Caleb H. Needles.

Wm. N. Needles,
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Benjamin Orne,
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Joseph Oat,
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Robert E. Peterson,
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Dillwyn Parrish,
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Henry Palmer,
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Chas. F. Parker,
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Thomas Ridgway,
G. D. Rosengarten,
Allen Robinett,
Michael Reed,
Joseph Ripka,
Alexander Robb,
John Richards,
John Riee,
Peter Rodgers,
Richard Richardson,
Elihu Roberts,
Evan Randolph,
John A. Robinson,
G. Washington Reed,
Charles Rhoads,
Samuel Richards,
James M. Robb,
Geo. H. Roberts,
James Rushton.

S.

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John Sharp,
George R. Smith,
Thomas Snowdon,
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 Charles L. Sharpless,
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 Wm. Stratton,
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 P. B. Simons,
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John Trucks,
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 Charles E. Thompson,
 Eliashib Tracy,
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 Richard Wood,
 Peter T. Wright,
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 Hibbard Yarnall.

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John Farnum,
Fred. Fraley,
J. Reese Fry.

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Jesper Harding,
Jeremiah Hacker,
Cyrus Hillborn,
Andrew K. Hay.

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K.

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W.

Joseph Warner,
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David Winebrener,
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